officials will be associated. This scheme has not, however, been yet examined in all its aspects.

I believe it is unnecessary that this motion should be put to the vote of the House, now that the explanations asked for have been given.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): I want the motion to be voted upon.

PRESIDENT: Then I shall put it to the vote of the House.

The demand was put to the vote of the House and carried, 25 members voting *for* and 9 *against*.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XII—EDUCATION.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 37,332 under Demand XII—Education. The various items which make up this total are given in the printed lists of demands furnished to members of the Council by the Secretary.

The first item is a sum of Rs. 12,500 required for the Chemistry and Natural Science departments of H. H. the Maha Raja's College of Science for the purchase of chemicals and apparatus.

Under laboratory charges, a sum of Rs. 46,000 was sanctioned in this year's budget for the departments of Physics, Chemistry and Natural Science.

Of this sum, Rs. 8,000 was allotted to the Chemistry department and Rs. 10,000 to the Natural Science department.

It is now found that these sums are not sufficient for the work to be done this academic year and next academic year before the amounts provided in the budget for 1101 become available.

The demands for 1100 could not be accurately estimated, when the the last budget estimate was prepared, for the following reasons:—

(1) The bifurcation of the Old College made possible increased admissions in all the junior classes—Intermediate and B. A.—in the College, and many more students were admitted in all the departments of the College. The Rs. 5,000 asked for, relating to Natural Science is to meet the unforeseen demand arising from increased admissions to the Natural Science department.

(2) The sum provided for 1099 for Chemistry was Rs. 6,300 *plus* a special grant of Rs. 3,000; but, of the former sum, Rs. 1,763-6-11 and the whole of the Rs. 3,000 remained unexpended at the end of 1099, owing to delay in the execution of orders by foreign Firms and to delay in the delivery of goods by Indian Firms due to the interruption of communications caused by the floods. Of the Chemistry grant therefore Rs. 4,763-6-11 in all lapsed.

I am asking for this and a further sum, making the total Rs. 7,500 for the Chemistry department.

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[Mr. J. Stephenson.]

The second item is a sum of Rs. 5,000 for repairs to Vernacular School buildings damaged by the floods.

Details of the damage have been collected and estimates prepared. These are now being checked by the Overseer of the Education department, and it is clear that these abnormal damages cannot be repaired from the sum of Rs. 40,000 provided in the current budget for petty construction and repairs to Vernacular High, Middle and Primary schools.

A total sum of Rs. 15,000 in addition will certainly be required and it is proposed that Rs. 5,000 out of this be spent by the Education department on the smaller items of work under the supervision of the Overseer and that Rs. 10,000 be spent by the department of Public Works on the larger items.

A grant for the latter amount will be moved for, by the Chief Engineer.

The third item is Rs. 19,832 for the purchase of furniture and scientific appliances for the College for Women.

I may explain at once that the necessity for this large extra provision arises mainly from the fact that, owing to circumstances which could not be foreseen, the large sums of money provided for in the budget of 1099 could not be spent during that year.

Of the sums provided for scientific appliances and furniture, Rs. 11,646-18-11 and Rs. 2,085-11-15, respectively, making a total of Rs. 13,732-2-10, lapsed.

The causes which led to the money for appliances not being expended were largely delays in the transit of parcels on account of the floods. They did not arrive in time to be checked and paid for, during 1099. I may also mention that, during the vacation, Miss Watts, the Principal of the Women's College, was ill with enteric fever at Bangalore, and that she was on leave from about the date of re-opening of the College till after the close of 1099.

Appliances ordered in 1099 to the amount of Rs. 9,331-25-11 have been received and still remain to be paid for.

Further, the Demonstrator in Chemistry, appointed this year, finds that the provision for the teaching of his subject is not adequate for this academic year as well as for the early months of the next academic year for which purchases will have to be made now.

To meet these demands and also to make good the grants for 1099 which lapsed, a sum of Rs. 17,832 is required.

Under furniture Rs. 2,085-11-15 of the grant for 1099 could not be expended owing to the fact that the P. W. D. Workshops being busy with large demands for furniture for the Colleges of Arts and Science were not able to provide the furniture for the Women's College in time. Sanction was given to get the work done by private contractors but they also could not complete the work in 1099.

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The sum asked for under furniture,—Rs. 2,000,—is less than the amount which lapsed in 1099 and brings the total sum asked for for the Women's College to Rs. 19,832.

I hope the House will allow the grant.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the Demand.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 205 under Demand XIII—Agriculture and Fisheries. This is for the conversion of the non-departmental Fish Curing Yard, Pallittode into a departmental one. At the instance of the Malabar Coast Industries, Ltd., Alleppey, Government in 1096 sanctioned the opening of a private curing yard at that place on the company undertaking to provide the site and building required for the purpose and to meet the cost involved in maintaining the necessary staff, which consists of a Fishery Sub-Inspector on Rs 25 per mensem and two peons on Rs. 9 each per mensem. The yard was started in Tulam 1096. and the company was contributing regularly the amount required for meeting the establishment charges up till the end of 1099. It was then wound up and the contribution has accordingly ceased. The need for the curing yard, however, continues as it helps the fishermen of the locality considerably. They have submitted several memorials praying for the continuance of the yard. Their prayer appeared to be quite reasonable and hence Government have sanctioned the conversion of this private curing yard into a departmental one. The annual establishment charges will amount to Rs. 516 as already explained. As this expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of the preparation of the budget estimate no separate provision is made in the budget of the current year. But if this House will now sanction a supplementary grant of Rs. 205, I shall provide the balance amount required from the anticipated savings of the department for the year.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): May I know where Pallittode is situated?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): It is in the Shertallai taluk.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the Demand.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIV—INDUSTRIES.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 7,304 under Demand XIV—Industries. This demand is made up of two items. The first of these is a sum of Rs. 1,304 for enhancing the stipends tenable in the Government Carpentry and Smithery School at Quilon from Rs. 5, Rs. 6 and Rs. 7 to Rs 8, Rs. 10, Rs. 12 for the first, second and third years respectively. From

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